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b) conducting an oxidation process wherein the ferrous 1,3-PDTA complex is converted to the ferric 1,3-PDTA complex.

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14. (Amended) A method of processing a silver halide color photographic material, comprising:

a) forming a bleach composition containing a bleaching agent by a method comprising the steps of:

- i) reacting ferrous bromide with unchelated 1,3-propylene diamine tetraacetic acid, thereby forming a ferrous 1,3-PDTA complex; and
- ii) conducting an oxidation process wherein the ferrous 1,3-PDTA complex is converted to a ferric 1,3-PDTA complex; and

b) contacting the bleach composition with the silver halide color photographic material.
